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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** 'Don'  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Duke Progress proposed rate increases

Dear Mr. Don Pigate ,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Don •  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 9:18 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Duke Progress proposed rate increases

Good morning, my attempt to join the meeting in Florence evening failed due to the volume of people. I would like to provide my comments at this time.

I realize that cost of operation must and should be passed along, but based on recent observations of their projects on my property and adjacent property, I feel that their cost is inflated due to their requirements and lack of control on their part.

I provide personal issues along the maintenance of the North South transmission line that goes thru my property in Florence and Sumter counties. Number 1, the width of the right of way has been increased from 100 feet to 140 feet now, that additional property was "grabbed" based on the deed of 1971 where they had the right to remove "danger" trees that will fall within 5 feet of their outside line. This 40 feet is not being paid for in any part, just drawn into their right of way where they can at any time come in and top trees within that area. While I would love to fight this, legal cost to do this would be beyond my means. And I figure Duke management knows this fact due to the number of owners along this line, and I'm sure there are other lines with the same issues.

In 1971, when they increased from 70 feet to 100 feet, that property use/loss was paid for to the owners of that time. But now a 40% increase in their line, no payment whatsoever.

And to further explain their cost issues, they have so many requirements on these "sub" contractors, they cannot efficiently operate within their knowledge. Their contractors utilize the best equipment including saws, trucks, etc, and yet the individuals operating this equipment can't use simple skills effectively, my main proof, any tree standing more than head height has to be attached to a rope at the top and pulled down when cut. And then the waste of time, I have 3 men operating the crew on my property at this time, first thing in the morning, 1 man is filling out reports requiring 30 mins or so, other 2 men are just waiting, can't go forward. Equipment check, again the same thing, 1 man's work other 2, well just imagine. And these reports are required through out the day. Just compile the time and figure what is being wasted, or is questionable. While I know and appreciate safety, some things just are questionable to me.

And then these contractors management seems to be questionable. I have personally fought for 18 months the acquisition by Duke of the 40' along my area, but the neighbor's property was handled 12 to 18 months ago. And while the next door neighbor's property was being demolished, 1 week the helicopter with the boom saw dangling came thru and sliced the sides off of large trees, and within 7 days here comes a boom truck in with saw and removed those trees. Now justify if you can the use of that, probably very expensive helicopter equipment, when within a short time you come in and remove the trees they trimmed. I questioned the Duke employees about this, to be told is due to the area involved being flooded. Nope I can't accept that reasoning, to me is just a waste of resources. Honestly, to me a bystander, I would honestly question if someone with Duke is not receiving kick backs, or I honestly wonder if Duke upper personnel possibly own a part of these companies.

Please review, if you will and haven't, the payroll of these upper managers all the way down to the local resource managers. And if their requested rate increases are allowed in any part, I feel that their pay will increase accordingly also. And if these rate increases are allowed to go forward, there is nothing to control their "waste" of time and energy by their personnel and their "sub" contractors.

I vote **NO** to their requested increase.

Many thanks for the time and consideration  
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